

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Mazda et al.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2007, the period for response having been extended by a two-month petition for extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks for entry into the record of the U.S. Patent Application identified above. This response is being filed to expedite resolution of the patent application referenced above and to place this application in condition for allowance.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the complete listing of all claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.